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* 646 *Q.*—SRI K. SATTANATHA KARAYALAR : Will the Hon. the Minister for Home be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether the units manufacturing druggets and other products of sun-hemp fibre in Aikudy in Shencottah taluk, Tirunelveli district are receiving any aid from the Government;

(*b*) if so, the help or assistance they receive; and

(*c*) whether the manufacture of cumblies and carpets are encouraged in these units?

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM : (*a*) There are no Government or private units at Aikudy engaged in the manufacture of sun-hemp druggets. However, there are a few private units engaged in the manufacture of other products such as easy-chair canvas, gunny bags, bailing hoses and yarn, utilising sun-hemp fibre. These units are not receiving any aid from Government.

(*b*) & (*c*) Do not arise.

* 647 *Q.*—SRI K. SATTANATHA KARAYALAR : Will the Hon. the Minister for Home be pleased to state—

(*a*) the places where aloe fibre is utilized for weaving robes, cumblies, etc.; and

(*b*) the nature of aid given to this cottage industry?

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM : (*a*) Aloe fibre is not used in any place in the State for the manufacture of robes and cumblies. It is used mainly as warp in the weaving of korai mats in almost all the districts of Madras, for weaving of mats and mattings at Neduvayal in Tirunelveli district and for manufacturing fancy items like hand-bags, etc., at Gobichettipalayam in Coimbatore district.

(*b*) This industry is eligible to obtain financial assistance under the State Aid to Industries Act. A Training-*cum*-Production Centre is being run at Neduvayal in Tirunelveli district to impart training in the industry.

* 648 *Q.*—SRI K. SATTANATHA KARAYALAR : Will the Hon. the Minister for Home be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether it is a fact that the aloe-fibre industry in Tenkasi taluk, Tirunelveli district, is facing a crisis because of the indiscriminate import of African fibre by the Central Government; and

(*b*) if so, whether this Government have represented the matter to the Central Government?

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM : (*a*) No, Sir.

(*b*) Does not arise.

SRI K. SATTANATHA KARAYALAR : நெடுவயலில் நடந்து கொண்டிருக்கக்கூடிய ஆராய்ச்சி சென்டரில் இதுவரை எத்தனை பேர்களுக்குப் பயிற்சி அளிக்கப்பட்டிருக்கிறது? அதன் மூலம் எத்தனை பேர்கள் கத்தாழை தொழில் அபிவிருத்தியில் ஈடுபட்டிருக்கிறார்கள்?